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## JUNE BRANCH LUNCHEON IS CANCELLED

After discussion about the uncertainty of venue re-openings and the safety of large group meetings, President Lynda Daniels and President-Elect Ele Lavender made the decision to cancel the June 20 branch meeting. This meeting would ordinarily include a review of the year's activities and the installation of the duly elected 2020-21 officers.

The 2019-20 and 2020-21 board members will meet on that day at 11:00 am at the home of Lynda Daniels to exchange files and install officers. Joyce King will install our new officers. Please contact Lynda or Ele with any questions.

Though this has been a very different year for AAUW as an organization and you, our members, we look forward to being together in September.

**California Reopening Roadmap Report Card**

Key Metrics	On-Schedule
Stability of Hospitalizations	✓
Personal Protective Equipment Inventory	✓
Healthcare Surge Capacity	✓
Testing Capacity	✓
Contact Tracing Capability	✓
Public Health Guidance in Place	✓

[covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov)

## Year of the Woman!

### President's Message



#### GUESS WHO ORIGINALLY DISCOVERED THE CORONAVIRUS.....A WOMAN!

Scientific pioneer June Almeida is finally being acknowledged for virology breakthroughs she made a half-century ago. June's work has come roaring back into focus during the present pandemic.

COVID-19 is a new illness but it is caused by a coronavirus of the type first identified by Dr. Almeida in 1964 at her laboratory in St Thomas's Hospital in London. Her paper to a peer-reviewed journal was rejected "because the referees said the images she produced were just bad pictures of influenza virus particles."

June Almeida died in 2007, at the age of 77. Now 13 years after her death she is finally getting the recognition she deserves as a pioneer whose work speeded up an understanding of the virus that is currently spreading throughout the world.

I was alerted to this woman by Maura Jones, a member of AAUW Half Moon Bay. Thanks, Maura!

Perhaps a woman will discover a cure for COVID-19!

Stay Well

*Lynda*

San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency  
summary of COVID-19 County cases link:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/>

#### AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW's Mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (EO Fund)  
AAUW Educational Opportunities provides funds to advance self- development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)  
The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sexual discrimination.

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#### NOTEWORTHY:

The AAUW-COV Scholarship Committee is proud to announce that **Loreli Peña** is the recipient of the Jan Boysen Scholarship. Her biography is on page 4.

# Interest Groups .....



# JUNE

**BRIDGE GROUPS** - We are "On Hold" until we are free to resume our usual activities. We have three AAUW Bridge Groups and always welcome new members to fill openings. We meet at 12:30 pm on the first Monday, and first and second Thursdays. We welcome subs for all the groups. Please contact Wanda Downer, Bridge Coordinator, at 760-941-2841 or [bwdowner@cox.net](mailto:bwdowner@cox.net) for more information.

**DINING ABOUT** - It looks like we will continue with our Dining About dinners on hold. Stay safe and healthy. Sue Howe. [suehowe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suehowe@sbcglobal.net).

**DRAMA DIVAS** – Drama Divas meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. Drama Divas will not meet until October, but when we do, it is 8 times in a season. We get together and read a play out loud. If you are interested in the theater, try it. It is a fun way to make new friends. We always announce in the Newsletter which play we will read and where we will meet. All are welcome. Annemarie Whalen

**EXPLORING CALIFORNIA** – Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. No event this June. Possible field trip "in the works" to San Juan Capistrano during the summer. Call, text, or email Debby Parks at 760-505-0384 or [Bridgebud2@yahoo.com](mailto:Bridgebud2@yahoo.com) for questions.

**GREAT DECISIONS** – This is a foreign policy issues discussion group. It is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association which selects the topics and publishes the manual we use. Unlike most interest groups, Great Decisions runs throughout the calendar, not fiscal year. There are 8 topics each year and the group meets monthly for 9 months, with a break in July, August, and December. January is an organizational meeting. Discussions begin in February. The group forms 4 teams which are assigned 2 topics each on which they will lead the discussions. Our group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the designated months from 6:30 to 8:00. If you enjoy interesting conversations with intelligent women, we hope you will join us. Contact Kathi Harper with any questions.

**HAPPY HIKERS** – Currently "on hold". We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:00 am for a fun and challenging hike. If you would like to join us, please contact Crystal Stebbins at [csimpson0716@pointloma.edu](mailto:csimpson0716@pointloma.edu). Or text/call at 619-804-3307.

**LUNCH BUNCH** – We gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 11:45 am at the selected place. The purpose of Lunch Bunch is to enjoy good food while we visit, make new friends and discover interesting local places to eat that feature food from around the world. We are currently "on hold". We will resume when it is safe. Contact Belle Johnson Bohn, [bjbohn1@mac.com](mailto:bjbohn1@mac.com).

**MAHJONG** - Will meet at Nelle's house Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Please let her know if you want to attend.

**MOSTLY BOOKS** – We gather on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Mostly Books is dedicated to the enjoyment of literature and camaraderie. We create a yearly reading list that includes all genres, fiction and non-fiction. We discuss a selection monthly at a member's house. The book in June is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Erica Heisler is the reviewer. If we can meet it will be Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm at the home of Rose Atayde. Contact Belle Johnson Bohn, [bjbohn1@mac.com](mailto:bjbohn1@mac.com) with any questions. Recently, we have converted to ZOOM. ZOOM details will follow if required.

**MYSTERY BOOKS** –Mystery Books is on hiatus until the fall. Hope everyone will find lots of good mysteries to read during the summer, starting with our selection for June, *Open Season* by C. J. Box. Contact Sing Baker if you have questions or have an interesting mystery to recommend.

**SCRABBLE** – Will meet Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Lynda's. Plenty of table room for Scrabble competitors. Please notify Lynda if you plan to attend. [lynda6367@yahoo.com](mailto:lynda6367@yahoo.com).

# Members' Corner

## Happy Birthday!!



Amy Shannon – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lynda Daniels – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Glea Gold – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Seena Trigas – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Terry Houle – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Liz Warren – 22<sup>nd</sup>

An anonymous contribution will enable the Scholarship Committee to offer four \$1500 scholarships. The recipients for 2020 Jeanne Gruenwald Scholarships will be announced in June. **Thank you!!**



*It is time to renew your AAUW Membership.*

*COV check renewal form in the May Newsletter. National has sent you a renewal notice. Dues deadline is June 30, 2020.*

*Contact Belle Johnson Bohn if you have any questions.*

*[bjbohn1@mac.com](mailto:bjbohn1@mac.com)*

## Congratulations...

### **JAN BOYSEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S BIO:**

My name is **Loreli Peña**, and I attended Vista High School. During my time in high school, I tried to get as involved as possible on and off campus. I chose to academically challenge myself by partaking in the IB Diploma Program while also taking AP classes as well. I also chose to participate in many clubs, earning officer positions in many of them including president of CSF (California Scholarship Federation), president of Honors Club, vice-president of Academic Team, and secretary of Environmental Club.

I was also a member of Key Club. Through some of these clubs, I was able to be heavily involved in community service events outside of my school in order to help improve our society and to be an example to those around me. Aside from this, I was also the captain of the Varsity Dance Team (Panther Dancers) and a varsity athlete on the track and field team.

Overall, I tried to take advantage of my high school experience to truly grow socially and intellectually. I eventually earned the title of valedictorian for Vista High School's class of 2020. In terms of college, I will be attending the University of California San Diego, and I will be majoring in ecology which is an environmental branch of biology. I am extremely excited for my future and eager to learn more.

# AT YOUR SERVICE

## The Year of the Woman Finale....



*“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any map of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person: the neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm or office where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman and child seek equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain.”*

Eleanor Roosevelt, 1948

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## Public Policy

### CALLING ALL ACTIVISTS – TAKE ACTION NOW!

With all the fun COV members have in our various interest groups, sometimes its worthwhile to revisit our Mission Statement: “To advance equity for women and girls through education, research and **advocacy**.” Public Policy is where that advocacy work is done, and the committee is offering members a lot of exciting ways to get involved in 2020-21. Unlike most of our other groups, we can’t wait until the September sign-up meeting – we need **Action Now!**

- In just 5 short months, we will be experiencing one of the most significant elections of all time, with many issues at stake affecting women and girls. We can’t wait to get started on Get Out the Vote (GOTV) activities. We need to take **Action Now!**
- The committee needs to decide if we are going to pursue our GovTrek project, given the uncertainty of schools re-opening. If we decide to go forward, we need to take **Action Now** to be ready as soon as the school year starts.
- AAUW is supporting 26 mission-related bills, which will be voted on in the coming months. We can’t wait to contact our legislators. We need to take **Action Now!**

Please contact Kathi Harper right now at [kandb1989@gmail.com](mailto:kandb1989@gmail.com) to say “Yes, I want to be a part of this exciting team to make things happen for girls and women in California, I’m ready to take **Action Now!**”

## News from State

Every year, AAUW California is required to hold an Annual Meeting. Every other year, we do this in conjunction with Convention. Even though we were forced to cancel Convention this year due to the Coronavirus outbreak, on Saturday, April 18th, more than 300 AAUW California members attended the virtual Annual Meeting.

## State Named Gift Honoree

Donna Lilly, Past AAUW California President and active member of the San Diego and Del Mar-Leucadia Branches, was announced as the 2019 California Named Gift Honoree. She is the current Chair of the AAUW California College/University Relations Committee and a promoter and facilitator for both Start Smart and Work Smart.

## Speech Trek Awards

As AAUW California Speech Trek enters its 15<sup>th</sup> season in 2021, we thanked the Gray Allen family, who for twelve years generously supported Speech Trek in honor of Eleanor Stem Allen. We congratulated this year's winners who spoke about "Whether men and women are truly equal in 2020" The 2021 topic: "Has social media helped or hindered the breaking down of barriers for women and girls?"

## A Virtual "Visit" by Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW

Kim Churches joined us from her home in Washington, D.C., and she stated that she actually put on real shoes in honor of our meeting! She told us we can still be Superwomen even if we are stuck at home, and she encouraged us to use various social media platforms to continue our work. She emphasized the 2020 Gender Policy Agenda, touching on the main pillars of Economic Security, Education, and Foundational Rights.

## Project Grant Awards

As we mentioned last month, COV's GovTrek project was awarded one of two \$500 Project Grants for being innovative, exemplary in carrying out AAUW's mission, and for its ability to be replicated by other branches.

## Outstanding Branch Programs

The Program Committee recognized several branches for outstanding mission-based programs presented during 2019-2020, based on the criteria of their relevance to the AAUW mission and their effectiveness. COV was also one of just three branches who were recognized for two separate programs – our Suffragists' Tea, and our Title IX program. Descriptions of the winning branches' programs can be found on the AAUW CA website.

## *In Recognition.....*

**June 6, 1944.** The **D-Day military invasion** that helped to **end World War II** was one of the most ambitious and consequential military campaigns in human history. In its strategy and scope—and its enormous stakes for the future of the free world—historians regard it among the greatest **military achievements** ever.



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## JUNE 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bridge 12:30 pm	2	3	4 Bridge 12:30 pm	5	6 Happy Hikers 9 am @ TBD
7	8	9 Scrabble 1 pm @ Lynda's	10 Mahjong 1 pm @ Nelle's	11 Bridge 12:30 pm	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Installation & Joint Board Mtg 11 am @ Lynda's
21	22	23 Mostly Books 1 pm @ Rose's	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
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